Arrangements have been made locally to look after the current duties thereof, pending appointment of a regular incumbent.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Development of Railways in Kerala State

817. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new allocation of resources for the development of Railways in Kerala State has been made apart from the allocation made in the railway budget; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1.4 crores has been additionally provided by reappropriation to Kayankulam-Quilon doubling project and Rs. 1 crore to Trivandrum-Quilon doubling during the current financial year.

Doubling of Mangalore-Shornur Sector

818. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the utmost necessity to double the Mangalore-Shornur sector for the full benefit of the Konkan Railway project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for doubling this sector and the time frame of its implementation; and

(c) by when the Quilon-Trivandrum sector would be doubled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) A survey for doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore line has been taken up which will assess the traffic potential of the section including the change in the pattern of traffic with the commissioning of Konkan Railway and gauge conversion works in this area. Further action will depend on the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

(c) The doubling of Quilon-Trivandrum railway line (65 kms) has been sanctioned. Land acquisition is in progress and is expected to be completed in 1994-95. Doubling work would be taken up thereafter and completed as per availability of resources in the coming years.

Modernisation of Hubli Railway Workshop

819. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hubli Railway workshop would be amidst broad gauge line shortly, in view of gauge conversion;

(b) if so, what steps were taken/or are being taken to upgrade and modernise the workshop; and

(c) whether modernisation would generate more jobs, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hubli workshop is not being modernised. However, in view of gauge conversion, it is proposed to convert the Metre Gauge workshop to Broad Gauge workshop for which a Techno Economic Survey has been carried out

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of Non-stop Train between Delhi and Madras

820. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sub Group of Parliamentary Consultative

Committee has recommended for introduction of a non-stop rain between Delhi and Madras;

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken on this recommendation and by when the above said train service is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The suggestion is being given due consideration. No final decision has so far been taken in this regard.

बोकारो स्टील सिटी और हावड़ा के बीच चलने वाली ट्रेनों का सुपरफास्ट ट्रेनों में बदला जाना

821. **श्री गया सिंह**: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बोकारो स्टील सिटी से हावड़ा तक चलने वाली ट्रेन को सुपरफास्ट ट्रेन में बदलने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) क्या उक्त ट्रेन में वातानुकूलित II टियर यानों की व्यवस्था करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब से; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. सी. लेंका): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) परिचालनिक कठिनाइयों और संसाधनों की तंगी ।

Ozha Committee Report on Konkan Railway

822. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of Ozha Committee on the Konkan Railway has since been available;

(b) if so, what are the broad recommendations; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The report of the Committee has been received. The Committee in its final report has recommended that the approved alignment of the Konkan Railway would be the most useful for the service to the people both for passenger and goods traffic.

However, considering the need to further take care of environmental aspects and the sentiments of the people, the Committee has recommended certain improvements in the scheme which are briefly listed below:

(i) To provide viaducts on Dewar island and Zuari approach wherever the embankment is higher than 10 mtrs.

(ii) The hillock on Dewar island damaged by earthwork should be terraced.

(iii) Anti vibration measures should be taken in the tunnel near the Chapel on the hill to prevent any damage.

(iv) Additional water-ways be provided in the Khazan lands wherever fishing boats have to pass.

(v) Fencing/boundary wall be provided where the railway track is passing through settlement areas. Necessary foot over bridge be provided where school children have to cross.

The effect of the above improvements would be an additional expenditure of Rs. 18 crores.